


## City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: AUGUST 29, 2007

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PART 1 CRIMES TASK  
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**ISSUE:** Notification of a renewal grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$72,472 in federal funds and \$7,247 in local matching funds.

**RECOMMENDATION:** That City Council approve the application for the renewal of the \$79,719 JAG grant.

**DISCUSSION:** The federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program was first funded in FY 2005, replacing the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program. The City has participated in these programs since 1997. The JAG grant would enable enhanced enforcement of Part I crimes. The Police Department addresses Part 1 crime trends through taskforce style investigations. The apprehension of the Mount Vernon Avenue burglar earlier this year involved this enforcement method.

The federal share of funds is used for overtime to fund Part I Crime investigations. The City share of the grant is used to lease undercover vehicles for the investigating officers under an existing rental vehicle agreement. The total grant requested will be \$79,719 to fund overtime up to \$72,472 (the federal share), and rental vehicles up to \$7,247 (the required local share of 10 percent).

Staff received notification in mid-July to prepare the on-line application due July 19, 2007. I authorized the staff to complete the application pending City Council's approval in September, 2007. Alexandria's share of funding was predetermined by the grantor agency.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** There is no additional fiscal impact from this grant. The City share of \$7,247 is funded in the Police operating budget for FY 2008.

**STAFF:**

David P. Baker, Chief of Police

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